

SENATE OF PAKISTAN



REPORT NO. 5

REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS

“Starred Question No. 2, asked by Senator Shahadat Awan in the Senate Session held on 22nd May, 2024, regarding whether it is a fact that railways suffered a loss of Rs. 55 billion in FY 2023; if so, the reasons thereof; and reformative measures being taken by the Government to curtail the loss?”

PRESENTED BY

**Senator Shahadat Awan
Chairman
Standing Committee on Railways**

SENATE SECRETARIAT

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I, Senator Shahadat Awan, Chairman Standing Committee on Railways, have the honor to submit, on behalf of the Committee, this report on "Starred Question No. 2, asked by Senator Shahadat Awan in the Senate Session held on 22nd May, 2024, regarding whether it is a fact that railways suffered a loss of Rs. 55 billion in FY 2023, if so, the reasons thereof; and reformative measures being taken by the Government to curtail the loss?" The instant matter was referred by the Hon'ble Chairman Senate to the Committee for consideration and report.

2. The composition of the Committee is as under:-

1.	Senator Shahadat Awan	Chairman
2.	Senator Ashraf Ali Jatoi	Member
3.	Senator Dost Ali Jeesar	Member
4.	Senator Rubina Khalid	Member
5.	Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb	Member
6.	Senator Nasir Mehmood	Member
7.	Senator Kamil Ali Agha	Member
8.	Senator Liaqat Khan Tarakai	Member
9.	Senator Dost Muhammad Khan	Member
10.	Senator Saifullah Sarwar Khan Nyazee	Member
11.	Minister for Railways	Ex-Officio Member

3. The Committee considered the question in its various meetings previously and held conclusive discussion in the meeting on 25th February, 2026, under the Chairmanship of Senator Shahadat Awan, with the following in attendance:

1.	Senator Shahadat Awan	Chairman/Mover
2.	Senator Dost Ali Jeesar	Member
3.	Senator Rubina Khalid	Member
4.	Senator Nasir Mehmood	Member

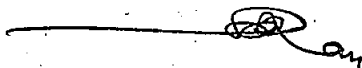
4. The Mover explained his Question and said that his query was based on the loss incurred to the Pakistan Railways during the year 2023 as per the audit report. He said that in a particular instance where the Ministry had earlier reported 2063 cases of theft of railway material, suggesting that the figure covered five years. However, it was later clarified by the Ministry that the said number only pertained to a single calendar year, while the actual figure for the last five financial years was 3230 cases. The Inspector General of Police (Railways) in one of the meetings of the committee informed that all FIRs related to Pakistan Railways had been registered. While mentioning an FIR No. 1/2018, he stated that it pertained to 395 acres of land with a market value exceeding Rs. 80 billion, as reflected in Audit Report Para 2.5.49 (Page 177), covering 398.20 acres. Senator Shahadat Awan expressed reservations over this clarification, observing that the Ministry should have studied the audit report thoroughly before the meeting. He alleged that the delay reflected slackness on the part of the Ministry and suspected that certain senior railway officers were deliberately concealing facts from the Committee.

5. The Mover informed the Committee that a case of massive corruption had been reported involving Pakistan Railways land measuring 3,598 acres. According to the Ministry's data, the official value of one acre of land was Rs. 2.5 crore, making the total official value Rs. 4.46 billion, whereas its market value was estimated at Rs. 80.95 billion.

Recommendations:

6. After detailed deliberations and discussions the Committee made following recommendations:
- i. The Committee recommended that the details of progress and achievements made in the vacation of encroached railway land, shall be submitted quarterly to the Committee.
 - ii. The Committee recommended that for the issue regarding corruption, misappropriation and theft in HSD, a quarterly report ought to be submitted to the Committee.
 - iii. The Committee recommended that the DIG Railways shall provide periodic report to the Committee on theft, loss and misappropriation cases and related preventive measures.
7. Following the exhaustive deliberations, the agenda item was disposed of.


 (Farikhanda Nasir)
 Secretary Committee


 (Senator Shahadat Awan)
 Chairman, Standing Committee on Railways